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MOSCOW KRASNAYA ZVEZDA IN RUSSIAN 25 SEPTEMBER 1985 FIRST EDITION PUBLISHES ON PAGE 3 A 950-WORD DISPATCH WITH A FEYZABAD-KABUL DATELINE BY CORRESPONDENT LIEUTENANT COLONEL V. SKRIZHALIN ENTITLED "STEPS INTO THE FUTURE." THE WRITER DESCRIBES A VISIT WHICH HE MADE TO FEYZABAD, THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER OF AFGHANISTAN'S BADAKHSHAN PROVINCE, AND THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO DEVELOP THE REGION'S POTENTIAL. NOTING THAT DRA SERVICEMEN ARE HELPING TO BUILD A NEW TELEVISION CENTER IN FEYZABAD, HE WRITES THAT "AFGHAN ARMY SERVICEMEN ARE NOT ONLY VIGILANTLY STANDING GUARD OVER REVOLUTIONARY GAINS AND DEALING A RESOLUTE REBUFF TO MERCENARY GANGS PENETRATING FROM ABROAD BUT ARE ALSO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN BUILDING A NEW LIFE, HELPING THE AFGHAN WORKING PEOPLE TO OVERCOME AGE-OLD BACKWARDNESS." THE DISPATCH REPORTS THAT IT IS PLANNED TO CONSTRUCT FIVE LANDING STRIPS: AT (KHAGAN), KORAN VA MONJAN, (DARVAZ), (SHUGNAN), AND ESHKASHEM. IN CONCLUSION SKRIZHALIN WRITES THAT "AFGHANS THEMSELVES DECLARE THAT, WITHOUT THE SOOVIET UNION'S ASSISTANCE, THEIR COUNTRY COULD NOT HAVE MADE SUCH SWEEPING PROGRESS."

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